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Thank you!

Recode's National Composting Toilet Code Passed!

Thank you to everyone who helped us send our Director Melora Golden to IAPMO's Green Technical Committee last month and to everyone who helped us create the code. Melora's presence was instrumental in getting this exciting new code passed. We'll reach out again with info about how to strategically participate in the public comment period. If all the public comments can be decided upon or integrated into the code during the April IAPMO meeting, it will be part of the 2015 Green Supplement to the Uniform Plumbing Code. Recode's composting toilet code outlines performance criteria for site built composting toilets with and without urine diversion and manufactured composting toilets.

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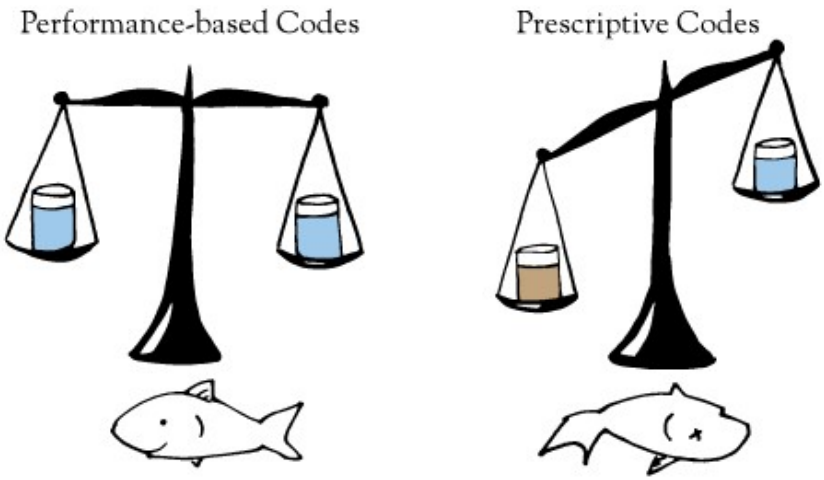
Free Training: Intro to Policy Level Activism
We are holding the last available spots for Oregonians from outside of Portland. Statewide representation is crucial to the effectiveness of this work. The training is free, please come join us. Your voices are very important!
Portland October 4th- 5th RSVP to molly@recodeoregon.org

Five Aspects of a Performance-based Code

We've talked about why Recode is introducing performance-based sanitation requirements, and now we'd like to mention the components so you can get a sense for what this shift will entail.

1. Set a Performance Goal

How clean do we want our effluent or composted material to be before it returns to the water or soil?



2. Agree on Expected Pollution Per Person

Below is the amount of poop and pee we expect the average person will make per year. Agreeing on this allows for predictions. Currently our codes

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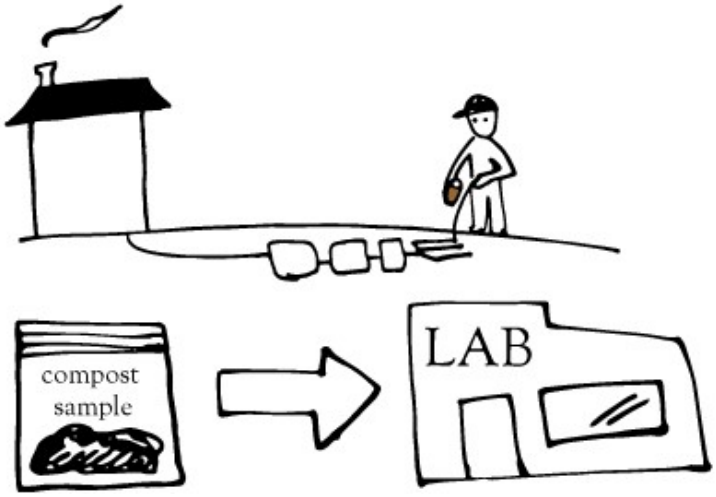
don't define poop and pee nor the expected amount of pollution per person.

3. Set Design Requirements

For example, systems have to be testable, rodent proof, water tight, etc.

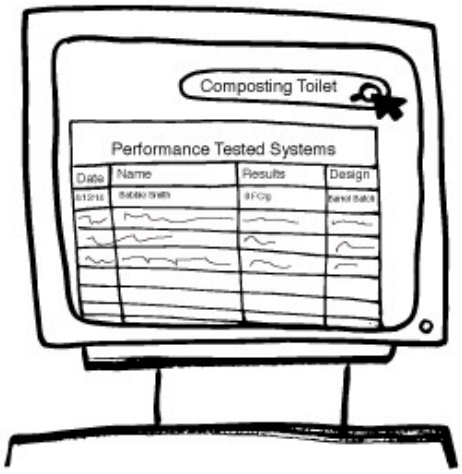


4. Verify Performance

We need verification methods to assure that systems are performing the way they're required to. One verification method is to test a certain number of every new design.

5. Make Data Accessible

This data should be public; it's useful for regulators and users.



Thanks so much for reading and happy harvesting,

-The Recode Team